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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. Attached is a copy of a directive to the Inspector General on the case of the latest TACKLE loss. There are a number of unanswered questions and differences on viewpoint and guidance contained in the memoranda I received from OSA and NPIC. Jack Earman has assigned several of his best men to this task and is proceeding along the lines indicated by me.

2. This initial survey will initiate the IG Staff into all the various facets of NPIC on a purely in-house basis. That staff will then serve as the CIA nucleus, augmented as necessary from assets of the DD/I and the DD/S&T, and fully supported by outside talent, both managerial and technical, to assist in the total survey of NPIC as to organization, controls, techniques, and adequacy of performance.

3. Accordingly, we may expect two studies in sequence -- the first on the TACKLE loss and, after completion of that, the initiation of a comprehensive review of NPIC. The above is for your information; no action is required.

/s/ MSC

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

Attachment:

Memo for Inspector General from DDCI dated 26 January 1965,
Subject: OSA-NPIC Coordination on Mission C-025-C --

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

THROUGH : Executive Director

SUBJECT : OSA-NPIC Coordination on Mission C-025-C

1. I have received memoranda on the above subject from the Director, OSA, concurred in by DD/S&T, and from the Director, NPIC, without comment from the DD/I.

2. I am dissatisfied with both memoranda since they are not compatible either as to facts and procedures or as to understandings of principle.

3. Accordingly, I wish you to conduct an investigation of this entire matter and to submit recommendations which will provide clear-cut operational procedures for use in the future.

4. Your investigation should cover, but not be limited to, the following questions:

a. Was the basic requirement for Mission C-025-C developed by COMOR and approved by USIB?

b. Was there clear-cut approval of the 303 Committee?

c. Were the DD/S&T, the DDCI, and the DCI fully informed as to the date of the overflight, and the track, and the possible inherent dangers involved?

d. Was there requirement for the degree of urgency placed on conducting this flight?

e. Did we have precise knowledge that [redacted] was functioning properly, and had it been verified as a result of the [redacted]

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f. Had NPIC clearly and unmistakably been asked for a current updating and survey of the possible hazards in the

[REDACTED]

g. Had the flight track been adequately surveyed by NPIC for possible hazards?

h. Had the photography [REDACTED] from other sources been thoroughly and completely interpreted and reported prior to the flight?

i. Are the coordinating procedures between NPIC and OSA for such flights adequate and foolproof?

(Signed) Marshall S. Carter

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

cc: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Science & Technology

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